

Monday, April 18, 1921

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Anderson, Bradshaw, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Cooper, Eaton, Epperson, Hulley, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Knight, Lindsey, Lowry, Malone, Mapoles, Overstreet, Plympton, Rowe, Roland, Russell, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Turnbull, Weaver, Wells, Wilson—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal of April 15 was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected.

The Daily Journal of April 14 is hereby corrected as follows:

On page 23, line 14, shall read "Senate Bill No. 26," instead of "Senate Bill No. 25," as it appears.

Also strike out, on page 5 of the Daily Journal of April 14, lines 35 and 36.

The Journal, as corrected, was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Malone, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 21:

A bill to be entitled An Act to apportion the representation of the State of Florida in the Senate of the State of Florida, and to apportion the representation of the State of Florida in the House of Representatives of the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass, as amended.

The committee offers the following amendments thereto:

In Section 3, line 11, strike out the word "Hillsborough" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Pinellas."

Also—

In Section 3, line 12, strike out the word "Pinellas" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Hillsborough."

Very respectfully,

WM. H. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 21, contained in the above report, together with the committee amendments thereto, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Malone, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 75:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 5496 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida relating to desertion of wife and children, withholding support, proviso, bond and release.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 75, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

Mr. Malone, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 88:

A bill to be entitled An Act to validate decrees in suits in Chancery in the Courts of this State against a minor defendant or defendants where a guardian ad-litem has been appointed for such minor or minors, and where the only defect is the failure to await the lapse of three months for the taking of testimony.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 88, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Malone, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 38:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2 and Section 4 of Chapter 7601, Acts of 1917, as amended by Chapter 7835, Acts of 1919, entitled An Act to encourage and secure the construction of one or more lines of railway and toll bridge across Tampa Bay or old Tampa Bay and to grant a right of way over and authorize the filling in of the submerged and other lands belonging to the State of Florida in, upon, or adjacent to the waters of Tampa Bay or old Tampa Bay for the use of any common carrier undertaking the construction of such line or lines of railway and toll bridge and granting the right to construct buildings, wharves, docks and depots thereon in connection with and as a part of the facilities of any such common carrier constructing or maintaining such line or lines of railway and toll bridge."

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 38, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Rowe, Chairman of the Committee on Public Utilities, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Utilities, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 23:

A bill to be entitled An Act to protect life and property by requiring certain railroad trains in this State to be adequately manned.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

R. H. ROWE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 23 contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

Mr. Rowe, Chairman of the Committee on Public Utilities, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Utilities, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled An Act to require that all railroad companies or persons or person operating any railroad or railway in the State of Florida for the purpose of hauling, handling or transporting passengers to erect, construct and maintain suitable passengers sheds in certain towns and cities along its line of railroad, and granting to the Railroad Commission of the State of Florida jurisdiction of the provisions of this Act.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

R. H. ROWE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 49, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

Mr. Malone, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary "B," submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary "B," to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 86:

A bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the liability of persons, associations of persons or corporations agreeing to indemnify other persons, associations of persons or corporations against loss or liability growing out of Tort.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM H. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 86, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Lowry, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled An Act to appropriate moneys for the upkeep and maintenance and beautification of the Royal Palm State Park.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

D. M. LOWRY,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 35, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Lowry, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 15, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 99:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the relief of Chas. P. Lovell, Adjutant General of Florida, for loss of part of salary from January 1st, 1921, to June 30, 1921, by reason of failure of the Legislature of Florida assembled in 1919, to make sufficient appropriation for the payment of the salary of the Adjutant General as fixed by law.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

D. M. LOWRY,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 99, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Calkins, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 889 of the Revised General Statutes relating to the payment of license taxes by Express Companies doing business in this State.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,
J. E. CALKINS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 53, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Calkins, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a sinking fund, a Sinking Fund Commission, to provide for the payment of the public debt of the State of Florida, and for carrying out the purposes of this Act."

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,
J. E. CALKINS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 18, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Committee on Game and Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Resolving that the Steamer Vegar and three small boats and equipment, loaned to the State of Florida by the United States Government, be accepted and that Governor Hardee be advised of such acceptance.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Very respectfully,
J. TURNER BUTLER,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Resolutions on second reading under the rule.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Committee on Game and Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 62:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the establishment of a floating fish hatchery in the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
J. TURNER BUTLER,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 62, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Committee on Game and Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 1238 and 1239 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to Shell Fish.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
J. TURNER BUTLER,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 63, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Committee on Game and Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 5827 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the protection and regulation of salt water fishing industry of the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,
J. TURNER BUTLER,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 65, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on second reading.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Joint Committee of the House and Senate, appointed to consider Senate Bill No. 499, Session of 1919, and the veto of the Governor relative thereto, submitted the following report:

*Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Joint Committee of the House and Senate, appointed under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 499, of the Session of 1919, with the veto of the Governor relating thereto, the said bill being entitled An Act granting and confirming riparian rights and submerged and filled in land, have had the said bill and the veto of the Governor relative thereto, under consideration, and recommend that the said bill do pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Very respectfully,
J. TURNER BUTLER,
Chairman Senate Committee;
J. B. JOHNSON,
WM. H. MALONE,
T. J. CAMPBELL,
F. M. COOPER.

S. D. HARRIS,
Chairman House Committee;
J. J. PARRISH,
M. D. CARMICHAEL,
F. O. MILLER,
A. T. STUART.

Mr. Butler moved that the report be accepted and that the Senate Bill No. 499 of the Session of 1919, with the veto of the Governor relating thereto, be placed on the Calendar of Bills on the third reading.

Which was agreed to.
And it was so ordered.

Mr. Hulley moved that when the Senate adjourn today it shall adjourn until 10 o'clock Tuesday, April 19, 1921.
Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Butler offered the following concurrent resolution:
By Mr. Butler—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5:

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives concurring:

Section 1. That a revision of the present Constitution of the State of Florida, adopted by the Convention of 1885, and the subsequent amendments thereto, is now determined to be necessary; and that upon the passage of this resolution by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of both houses of this Legislature, this determination shall be entered upon the respective Journals, with the yeas and nays thereon.

Sec. 2. That next preceding the next general election of representatives, notice of this action shall be published weekly in one newspaper in every county of the State in which a newspaper is published, for the period of three months; and in any counties where no newspaper is published, such notice shall be given by posting at the several polling precincts for six weeks next preceding said election, and that at such election the electors be invited to vote for or against the revision.

Sec. 3. That, if a majority of the electors so voting be in favor of revision, the Legislature chosen at such election shall provide by law for a convention to revise said Constitution, to be held within six months after the passage of such law.

Sec. 4. Such convention shall consist of a number equal to the membership of the House of Representatives, and shall be apportioned among the several counties in the same manner as members of said House.

Which was read the first time.

The resolution was laid over under the rule.

Mr. Epperson offered the following resolution:

By Mr. Epperson—

Senate Resolution No. 8:

Whereas, Captain T. R. Hodges has tendered to the Legislature of the State of Florida an invitation to be present at an entertainment at Daffin's Theater in Tallahassee next Tuesday morning, April 19, at 11 o'clock, at which time he will present moving pictures of the fish and oyster industry of the State, also fish hatchery in operation, together with other interesting pictures that have a bearing on proposed legislation before this body; and

Whereas, the exhibition of such pictures will be of material benefit to the members of this body as well as highly entertaining; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives has unanimously passed a resolution to recess at 10:50 tomorrow morning for the purpose of attending this entertainment; therefore, be it

Resolved by The Senate, That this invitation be accepted and that Captain Hodges be advised of the acceptance with thanks, and that the Senate convene at 10 o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) morning, April 19, and recess at 10:50 o'clock until 3 o'clock of the same day for the purpose of attending this entertainment.

Which was read.

Mr. Epperson moved to adopt Senate Resolution No. 8. Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Wells offered the following Senate Resolution:

By Mr. Wells—

Senate Resolution No. 9:

Resolved, That the Journal Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to obtain postage for mailing Journals of the Senate, reporting the amount thus expended to the Chairman of the Legislative Expense Committee, to be audited by said committee, provided no Senator shall have more than fifteen journals so mailed.

Which was read.

Mr. Wells moved to adopt the resolution.

Which was not agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Russell—

Senate Bill No. 127:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1782 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the fees in commitment cases.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

By Mr. Campbell—

Senate Bill No. 128:

A bill to be entitled An Act requiring tender to be made as a prerequisite to the institution of proceedings to enjoin or set aside tax sales or tax deeds, except in certain cases, and requiring tender to be deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court subject to order of persons entitled thereto.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By Mr. Igou—

Senate Bill No. 129:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Lake, State of Florida, to issue interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of providing funds to complete the erection and equipment of a free public high school building in Special Tax School District No. 10, at Eustis, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Senate Local Bills on Second Reading without reference.

By Mr. Stokes—

Senate Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the verification of pleas in actions at law and signature of defendant or defendants to answer in chancery where answer under oath has been waived, and to repeal Section 2652 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida in relation to the verification of pleas in actions at law.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By Mr. Stokes—
Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled An Act with respect to the effect of the plea of not guilty in actions for tort.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By Mr. Mapoles—
Senate Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the method and manner of opening, establishing, building, constructing and maintaining public roads and bridges, in the County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, and to provide a road and bridge fund for the said County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, and for the assessment and collection of same.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Mr. Stokes—
Senate Bill No. 133:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2463 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the duties of Pilot Commissioners, the examination and number of pilots.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Mr. Stokes—
Senate Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate the special election held in and by the County of Escambia and State of Florida on the 29th day of September, A. D. 1920, to determine whether \$2,000,000 Escambia County, Florida, thirty-year bonds, with interest at not more than six per cent. per annum should be issued for the purpose of constructing certain paved or other hard-surfaced highways within the limits of Escambia County, Florida, together with the necessary culverts and bridges on such roads and highways, and to validate the acts, resolutions and proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida,

relative to the calling, holding and canvassing of the said election and the issuance of the \$2,000,000 bonds voted in said election.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Mr. Hulley—
Senate Bill No. 135:

A bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate the proceedings of the Town of Daytona Beach in relation to the issuing of bonds in the sum of \$30,000 for street improvements.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Mr. Anderson—
Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish and maintain a branch experiment station in or near Quincy, Gadsden County, Florida, to conduct field research on laboratory problems; to make it the duty of the Board of Control to establish such branch station and to provide for carrying on investigation thereat and appropriating money for the expense thereof.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Knight—
Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for the State Board of Pensions to pay Thos. V. Anderson, an aged Confederate soldier, the sum of twenty dollars per month during his natural life out of the pension funds of the State of Florida, and to place him on the pension roll.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Johnson—
Senate Bill No. 138:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2723 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida relating to former bills of exceptions as evidence; use of evidence

given on former trial; and to prohibit the use in a criminal case of testimony given upon a former trial.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

By Mr. Campbell—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 139:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to census and apportionment, and to number of members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Campbell moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 139 be now taken up and considered at once.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Stokes moved to waive the rules and that the resolution be made a special order for consideration on tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

By Mr. Overstreet—

Senate Bill No. 140:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Town of Apopka City to issue additional bonds, \$45,000.00, for the purpose of street paving, and \$5,000.00 for the purpose of refunding, paying, settling and discharging its present outstanding bonds and other general indebtedness; providing for the election of Bond Trustees and the assessment and collection of taxes for the payment of interest upon said bonds, as well as for their final payment.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Mr. Johnson—

Senate Bill No. 141:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Governor of the State of Florida to commission J. Clifford R. Foster as Brigadier-General on the retired list of the Florida National Guard.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONSIDERATION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Singletary—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Relating to requiring the Supreme Court to supply the Legislature with the amount of fees received by its Clerk.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was informally passed over.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 225:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Boards of County Commissioners and County Democratic Executive Committees of the Counties of Madison, Columbia, Hamilton, Volusia, Baker, St. Johns, Marion, Alachua, Santa Rosa, Nassau, Hernando, Manatee, Calhoun, Escambia, Bradford, Levy, Monroe, Gadsden, St. Lucie, Jefferson, Washington, Polk, Holmes, Lee, Bay, Pinellas, Clay, Taylor, Okaloosa, and Flagler, Florida, to refund to the candidates in the last general primary election all money paid by said candidates as a filing fee that was not used in conducting said election.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 225, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

And House Bill No. 225 was placed on the Calendar of House Local Bills on second reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

*Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.*

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 19:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for the creation of Dixie County, in the State of Florida, and for the organization and government thereof.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 103:

A bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, ratify, validate and confirm the action and proceedings of every person, officer and of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, in relation to the issuance and sale of bonds in the sum of \$200,000.00 for Special Road and Bridge District No. 3 of and for Polk County, Florida, as the same were authorized and sold January 20, A. D. 1921.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 19 and 103, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

*Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.*

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 37:

A bill to be entitled An Act to further regulate the business of banking in the State of Florida and to regulate the charge for exchange by banks and to regulate the protest of checks.

With adopted following amendments:

(1) After Section 3, add:

Section 4. This Act to take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon it becoming a law without his approval.

(2) After the word "State," line 2, Section 2, add the word "knowingly."

(3) After the word "official," at the end of line 8, Section 2, add the word "knowingly."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 37, contained in the above message, together with the following amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, was placed before the Senate.

House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 37 was read as contained in above message.

Mr. Taylor moved that the Senate do concur in the House Amendment.

Which was agreed to.

House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 37, as contained in the above message, was read.

Mr. Taylor moved that the Senate do concur in the said amendment.

Which was agreed to.

House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill No. 37, as contained in above message, was read.

Mr. Taylor moved that the Senate do concur in the said amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 37, as amended by the House of Representatives, and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 76:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2 and Section 4 of Chapter 7601, Acts of 1917, as amended by Chapter 7835, Acts of 1919, entitled "An Act to encourage and secure the construction of one or more lines of railway and toll bridge across Tampa Bay or Old Tampa Bay and to grant a right of way over and authorize the filling in of the submerged and other lands belonging to the State of Florida, in, upon or adjacent to the waters of Tampa Bay or Old Tampa Bay for the use of any common carrier undertaking the construction of such line or lines of railway and toll bridge and granting the right to construct buildings, wharves, docks and depots thereon in connection with and as a part of the facilities of any such common carrier constructing or maintaining such line or lines of railway and toll bridge."

Also—

House Bill No. 100:

A Bill to be entitled An Act creating Civil Courts of Record in Counties having, or which shall have, a population of more than One Hundred Thousand, accord-

ing to the last preceding Federal Census, or as such Federal Census is hereafter taken; defining and prescribing the powers and jurisdiction of said Court; providing for Judges and Clerks of Civil Courts of Record, and the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts in relation to Civil Courts of Record; abolishing the Civil Court created under the Act approved June 3rd, 1915, and repealing said Act, and also repealing Sections 3310 to 3324, both inclusive, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to Civil Courts of Record, and also all Acts in conflict herewith.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 76, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Taylor moved that House Bill No. 76 be substituted for Senate Bill No. 38.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 76 took the place of Senate Bill No. 38 on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 38 was then withdrawn from the Calendar.

House Bill No. 100 contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Butler moved to waive the rules and to place House Bill No. 100 to the Calendar of Bills on the second reading without reference.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the bill was so referred.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

By Mr. Corbett of St. Johns—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6:

Providing for a joint committee of two members from the House and one from the Senate to visit and inspect the State Prison Farm at Raiford.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, contained in the above message, was read the first time and was laid over under the rules.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 272:

A bill to be entitled An Act making appropriations for the Florida State Hospital and the Florida Industrial School for Boys to cover deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for said institutions, and to provide funds for said institutions for the remainder of the period ending June 30th, 1921.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 272, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the second reading without reference, the rules being waived.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 220:

A bill to be entitled An Act dividing the City of Jacksonville into wards, and providing for the number and the manner of the election of Councilmen.

Also—

House Bill No. 232:

A bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, ratify, validate and confirm the proceedings of the City of Vero, Florida, in issuing bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, operating, purchasing or otherwise acquiring water works, and for constructing, maintaining, operating, purchasing or otherwise acquiring electric light works.

Also—

House Bill No. 268:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the Board of Public Instruction of Okaloosa County, Florida, to issue not exceeding \$15,000.00 interest bearing time warrants to fund the outstanding indebtedness of the General County School Fund and for other school purposes.

Also—

House Bill No. 233:

A bill to be entitled An Act legalizing, ratifying, validating and confirming street assessments of the City of Vero, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 234:

A bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, ratify, validate and confirm street and sidewalk assessments in the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 235:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Vero, Florida, to issue interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of repairing and maintaining water works; for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the sewerage system; for the purpose of opening, constructing, repairing and maintaining the streets and sidewalks; for the purpose of maintaining public parks and promenades; for the purpose of maintaining a fire department; for the purpose of repairing and maintaining public buildings; and for the purpose of refunding any indebtedness of said city.

Also—

House Bill No. 240:

A bill to be entitled An Act amending the charter of the City of Marianna, Chapter 6371, Act May 5, 1911, by changing the offices of Marshal and City Clerk from elective to appointive.

Also—

House Bill No. 270:

A bill to be entitled An Act validating all procedure in the formation of Pearce Drainage District of Manatee County, Florida; extending the boundaries of said district, confirming the election of the Supervisors thereof, and extending their authority to all lands in said district as same is extended by this Act; confirming the appointment of three commissioners, extending their authority as such commissioners, and enlarging the scope of their report; authorizing and empowering the Board of Supervisors of said district to extend or modify the plan of reclamation of said district to include the lands added thereto by this Act, and enlarging the authority of said supervisors in the execution of the plan of reclamation; authorizing the Board of Supervisors to maintain existing works; authorizing and empowering the Board of Supervisors of said district to borrow money for the purpose of constructing the work of the plan of reclamation of said Pearce Drainage District, and for

paying other legal obligations of said district, and to issue notes, time warrants and other evidence of indebtedness as security therefor, and authorizing the funding or paying off of the indebtedness evidenced by such time warrants or other instruments of indebtedness by the issue and sale of bonds or otherwise; authorizing a tax levy for the repayment of moneys obtained under such time warrants and other evidence of indebtedness and extending the authority of the said Board of Supervisors as to the collection of said tax, and repealing certain laws in conflict with this Act.

Also—

House Bill No. 243:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 8216 of the Laws of Florida, approved April 29, 1919, entitled An Act to authorize the Board of Bond Trustees of Special Road and Bridge District No. 1 of Alachua County, Florida, to issue bonds for the purpose of building certain roads within said Special Road and Bridge District.

Also—

House Bill No. 245:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the Board of Public Instruction of Bay County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon warrants for the purpose of borrowing money or obtaining credit for the purpose of acquiring a site for the erection of public school buildings for the use of the County High School and for the furnishing and equipping thereof and providing for the payment thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 227:

A bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Altamonte Springs, Florida, and to establish and constitute a municipality in Seminole County, Florida, to be known and designated as the Town of Altamonte Springs, Florida, to define its territorial limits, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges.

Also—

House Bill No. 252:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 7672 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 25, 1917, by adding an additional section after Section 6, numbered 6 1/2,

prohibiting the annexation of the City of Miami Beach, or any part thereof, by any other municipality, except as therein provided.

Also—

House Bill No. 253:

A bill to be entitled An Act to validate and authorize \$15,000 Town of Homestead Bonds.

Also—

House Bill No. 261:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, to change the date and times of payment of a bond issue of \$750,000 for Highlands Special Road and Bridge District of said county, and ratifying and confirming the creation of said district and the authorization of said bonds.

Also—

House Bill No. 266:

A bill to be entitled An Act to validate, approve and confirm all of the proceedings taken for the creation, establishment, organization and extension of the Iona Drainage District in Lee County, Florida, and to validate, approve and confirm all of the Acts and proceedings taken by, for and on behalf of said district since the creation thereof, and all of the Acts and proceedings of the Circuit Court and of the Board of Supervisors, the Commissioners and all other officers and all agents of said Iona Drainage District, acting for and on behalf of said district; and to validate, approve and confirm the issue of bonds of the per value of \$600,000.00 of said Iona Drainage District, and bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually; and to validate, approve and confirm any and all tax levies and assessments which have been made by the Board of Supervisors of said Iona Drainage District, for and on behalf of said district upon the taxable property within said district, and providing for reassessments of benefits and additional levies.

Also—

House Bill No. 267:

A bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the further borrowing of money under Chapter 8229, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1919, the same being An Act to allow the Board of Bond Trustees for Special Road and Bridge District

No. 1 of Alachua County, Florida, to borrow money for general road and bridge purposes and relating to the road fund collected within said district.

Also—

House Bill No. 271:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, to transfer permanently the sum of \$5,000.00 from the special county fund therein to the road and bridge fund of said County.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 220, contained in the foregoing message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of House Local Bills on Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 232, contained in the foregoing message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of House Local Bills on Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 268, contained in the foregoing message, was read the first time by its title and placed on Calendar of House Local Bills on Second Reading.

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And House Bill No. 252, contained in the foregoing message, was read the first time by its title and placed on Calendar of House Local Bills on second reading.

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And House Bill No. 266, contained in the foregoing message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of House Local Bills on Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 267, contained in the foregoing message, was read the first time by its title and placed on Calendar of House Local Bills on Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 271, contained in the foregoing message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of House Local Bills on Second Reading.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 4134 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, relative to qualifications of directors of banking companies.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 50 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Anderson, Bradshaw, Epperson, Hulley, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Knight, Lindsey, Lowry, Malone, Mapoles, Overstreet, Plympton, Rowe, Russell, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Turnbull, Weaver, Wells, Wilson—25.

Nays—Messrs. Calkins, Campbell, Cooper, Roland—4.
So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 27:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 756 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to advertising and selling lands for unpaid taxes.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 27 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Anderson, Bradshaw, Campbell, Cooper, Eaton, Hulley, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Lindsey, Lowry, Malone, Mapoles, Overstreet, Plympton, Rowe, Roland, Russell, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Turnbull, Weaver, Wells, Wilson—27.

Nay—Mr. Knight—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled An Act amending Section 2960 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida and fixing the Compensation of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Florida.

Was taken up, and the consideration of the same was informally passed over.

BILLS ON THE SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the enlargement, alteration and repair of the Capitol Building, and making an appropriation for such purpose.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Lindsey offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

In Section 3, strike out "Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00)" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Two Hundred Thousand Dollars."

Mr. Lindsey moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Lindsey offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

In Section 4, strike out the words: "This Act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "This Act shall take effect on first day of January, 1922."

Mr. Lindsey moved the adoption of the amendment.
Which was not agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 52 was ordered to be placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 7833, Acts of 1919, entitled "An Act providing for the care, maintenance and control of the State convicts, and providing for the carrying out of the provisions of this Act and making an appropriation therefor. Approved May 24th, 1919."

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Knight offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 48:

In Section 1, line 44 of printed bill, after the word "Governor" insert the following, to-wit:

"The question of whether or not a class two convict can be so used shall be determined by the Governor upon the advice of the State Prison Physician or physicians."

Mr. Knight moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 48 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled An Act amending Sections 3003 and 3004 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, fixing the compensation of the Circuit Judges and providing for the payment of their traveling expenses.

Was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 54:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the time of the payment of salaries of State officers.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wells moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 54 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Which was agreed to.

And the bill was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 11:

A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to special officers for the protection and safety of common carriers, their passengers and employees, and the property of such carriers, their passengers and employees, and providing for the appointment, powers, duties, qualifications, tenure, removal and compensation of such special officers."

Was taken up.

Mr. Rowe moved that the rule be waived and that Senate Bill No. 11 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 11 was read a second time by its title only.

The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 11 was read in full.

Mr. Lindsey offered the following amendment to committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 11:

In Section 5, Line 2, strike out the words "four years" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Two years."

Mr. Lindsey moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Rowe moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 11, as amended, be adopted in lieu of the original bill.

Which was agreed to.

The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 11, as amended, was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 4:

A bill to be entitled An Act fixing the compensation and fees of the several County Judges and Justices of the Peace of the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendments of the Committee on Judiciary A, which were adopted on April 14.

Mr. Lindsey offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 4:

In Section 4, line —, strike out the words, "This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval of the Governor, or upon its becoming a law without the approval of the Governor," and insert in lieu

thereof the following: "This Act shall take effect the first day of January, 1922."

Mr. Lindsey moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Rowe offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 4:

In Section 1, lines 61-62, strike out the words and figures "Hearing and decision or ruling on demurrer motion to strike, motion for new trial or like matter, 2.00."

Mr. Rowe moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Rowe offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 4:

In Section 1, Lines 24-26, strike out the words and figures, "Hearing and decision or ruling on motion for new trial, motion in arrest of judgment, motion for change of venue, 2.00."

Mr. Rowe moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The bill as amended was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the enrollment and publishing of bills, memorials and resolutions.

Was taken up.

And the consideration of the same was informally passed over.

Senate Bill No. 45:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 144, Article V, Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Rowe moved that the rules be waived that Senate Bill No. 45 be read the second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Senate Bill No. 45 was read the second time by its title only.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 45 was also read.

Senate Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1120 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida of 1920 relating to drainage, tax book evidence of matters

contained, suits to enforce liens, sales of land, notice of suit, form, proceeds of sale.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendments of the Committee on Drainage.

The following amendment thereto offered by the Committee on Drainage was read:

In Section 1, line 30, of the bill, strike out "negotiable note or evidence of debt," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "or the holder of any negotiable note or notes or evidence of debt aggregating the sum of five hundred dollars or more, exclusive of interest and costs."

Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 12, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 58:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for examination and issuance of second grade life certificates to school teachers in the public schools of the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 58 was ordered to be placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 45:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 144, Article V, Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Was again called up by Mr. Stokes.

The committee amendment to Senate Bill No. 45 was again read as follows:

Insert the words "of Chapter 2" between the words "Article V," and the words "Revised," in line 1 of Section 1 of the bill.

Mr. Stokes offered the following amendment to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 45:

At the end of title add "relating to security to be given by banks for deposit of State funds."

Mr. Stokes moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Committee Substitute for Bill No. 45 as amended be adopted in lieu of the original bill.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Epperson moved to adopt the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 45 as amended.

Which was agreed to.

And Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 45 as amended was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 1444 and 1445 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida relating to pensions.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Knight offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 91:

In Section 2, line 6, strike out the words "five thousand dollars," and in each and every section where same appears.

Mr. Knight moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 91 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 77 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 4190 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, relating to the incorporation, powers, duties and liabilities of trust and security companies doing business in this State.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 111 was ordered to be placed on the Calendar of Bills on third reading.

Mr. Igou moved to waive the rules and that the Senate revert to the order of considering messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

Whereas, The Legislature of 1919 made an appropriation of an amount equal to 2 mills levied upon the real and personal property of the State of Florida for the purpose of meeting an appropriation from the Federal Government to be used in the construction of a system of hard-surfaced roads in the State of Florida; and,

Whereas, This 2 mill fund together with the use of approximately 600 convicts and all money collected from the licenses of motor driven vehicles and such appropriation as should be available from the Federal Government, were by the laws of 1919 to be expended by and under the direction of the State Road Department; therefore be it,

Resolved, That a committee of three members of the House of Representatives and two from the Senate be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Senate respectively for the purpose of inquiring into the affairs of the State Road Department, ascertaining the amount of money expended, the amount of Federal money received and expended, the amount of work done and the manner in which it was done, the method of bookkeeping and record filing used and all other acts of the State Road Department covering the period from its creation to date.

And that such committee be directed to render a comprehensive report to the House of Representatives and

to the Senate at the earliest possible date, and not later than April 20th, 1921.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, contained in the above message, was read the first time.

Mr. Igou moved to waive the rules and that the Senate do now take up and consider the resolution.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

So House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 was read the second time.

Mr. Igou moved to adopt the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And the action of the Senate was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

*Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.*

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 110:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for the entrance and instruction in the public schools of an adjoining State of pupils from Escambia County, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the Board of Public Instruction of Escambia County with respect thereto.

With the following amendments thereto:

1. In title strike out the words "Escambia County" wherever it appears, and insert in lieu thereof "All Coun-

ties of the State of Florida bordering on the States of Alabama and Georgia."

2. In Section 1, Line 1, strike out the words "Escambia County," and in lieu thereof the following: "All counties of the State of Florida bordering on the States of Alabama and Georgia."

3. In Section 1, Line 6, strike out the words "Escambia County," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "All counties bordering on the States of Alabama and Georgia."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

The first House amendment, contained in the foregoing message, which reads as follows:

In title strike out the words "Escambia County" wherever they appear, and insert in lieu thereof "all counties of the State of Florida bordering on the States of Alabama and Georgia."

Was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Stokes moved that Senate do concur in the House amendment to Senate Bill No. 110 as read.

Which was agreed to.

The Second House Amendment, contained in the foregoing message, which reads as follows:

In Section 1, line 1, strike out the words "Escambia County" wherever they appear and insert in lieu thereof the following: "All counties of the State of Florida bordering on the States of Alabama and Georgia."

Was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Stokes moved that the Senate do concur in the House amendment as read.

Which was agreed to.

The third House amendment, contained in the foregoing message, which reads as follows:

In Section 1, line 6, strike out the words "Escambia County," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "All counties bordering on the States of Alabama and Georgia."

Was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Stokes moved that the Senate do concur in the House amendment as read.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 110, as amended by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Mapoles moved to waive the rule and to take up for consideration House Bill No. 81.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

House Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Chapter 8038 of the Special Acts adopted by the Legislature at regular session of 1919, entitled, "An Act to prohibit fishing and catching of fish, by any means or in any manner, in any of the fresh waters of Escambia or Santa Rosa Counties, in the State of Florida, during the months of April and May, in each year.

Was taken up.

Mr. Mapoles moved that the rule be waived and that House Bill No. 81 be read the second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 81 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Mapoles moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 81 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 81 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Anderson, Bradshaw, Butler, Campbell, Cooper, Eaton, Epperson, Hulley, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Knight, Lindsey, Lowry, Malone, Mapoles, Overstreet Plympton, Rowe, Roland, Russell, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Weaver, Wells, Wilson—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bills Nos. 13 and 20 were taken up in their order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to concealing personal property from the owner and providing a penalty therefor.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the amendments of the Committee on Judiciary "A."

The following amendment thereto offered by the Committee on Judiciary "A" was read:

In Section 1, Line 5, after the word "produce" insert the words "And point out."

Mr. Russell moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment thereto offered by the Committee on Judiciary "A" was read:

In Section 1, after the word "contract" insert the following: "Provided, that nothing herein contained shall require the production of any property or chattels not easily and conveniently moved or transferred."

Mr. Russell moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment thereto offered by the Committee on Judiciary A was read.

In Section 2, Line 5, after the word "produce" insert the words "And point out."

Mr. Russell moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stokes offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 43:

At end of Section 1 add:

"Provided, the contract of purchase or reservation of title be in writing and acknowledged in person before an officer authorized by law to take acknowledgment, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county where the contract shall be made.

Mr. Stokes moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the President declared the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, April 19, 1921.

Tuesday, April 19, 1921

11 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Anderson, Bradshaw, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Cooper, Crosby, Eaton, Epperson, Hulley, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Knight, Lindsey, Lowry, Malone, Mapoles, Overstreet, Plympton, Rowe, Roland, Russell, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Turnbull, Weaver, Wells, Wilson—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal of April 18 was dispensed with.

The Journal of April 18 was corrected, and as corrected approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hulley, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1921.

*Hon. W. A. MacWilliams,
President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 90:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the monthly

deduction of a certain amount from the compensation of teachers in the public schools of this State to purchase annuities for such teachers on reaching the age of retirement under the provisions of this Act; to provide for the deposit of funds arising from such deduction in the State Treasury; to authorize investment of such funds and to create a Board of Investment; to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this Act; to provide for the retirement of such teachers reaching a certain age and to provide for the payment of annuities thereto.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

LINCOLN HULLEY,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 90, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Russell—

Senate Bill No. 142:

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Section 210, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, creating a Hotel Commission in the State of Florida; and to repeal Section 211, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, authorizing the appointment of a Hotel Commissioner of the State of Florida; and to Repeal Section 212, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, prescribing the duties of the Hotel Commissioner of the State of Florida; and to Repeal Section 213, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, authorizing the Hotel Commissioner to make rules and regulations; and to repeal Section 214, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, providing for an office for the Hotel Commissioner of the State of Florida; and to amend Section 2127, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, defining the license fees to be paid by hotels and rooming houses; to amend Section 2128, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, pertaining to license fees for restaurants and lunch counters; to amend Section 2129, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, pertaining to application blanks for license for hotels, rooming houses, restaurants and lunch counters; to amend Section 2130, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, relative to the